

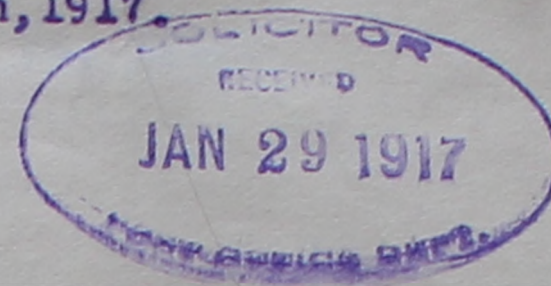
*F. J. A.*

United States Post Office

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Battle Creek Mich. January 27th, 1917.

Post Office Department,  
Office of the Solicitor;  
Washington D. C.



The receipt of your letter of Jan. 24th, with the enclosure  
of a copy of the Postmaster General's Order No. 54, is hereby acknowledged.

*Edward Austin*  
Postmaster.



Post Office Department  
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR  
Washington

January 24, 1917.

Postmaster,  
Battle Creek, Michigan.

I inclose herewith a copy of order No. 54, dated  
January 24, 1917, forbidding the delivery of mail matter and  
the payment of money orders to Henry J. Barton, L.L.B., Rev. Supreme  
Grand Rabboni; The Philosophers of the Living Fire, and The Temple of the  
Living Fire, Battle Creek, Michigan,  
the original of which, signed by the Postmaster General, has been retained  
in the files of this Department.

This order does not cover mail matter under the frank of a Senator  
or Representative or other officer entitled to the franking privilege, nor  
that which is covered by an official envelope. Nor does it apply to matter  
not under seal, such as newspapers, circulars, etc., unless specifically  
stated in the order, or by subsequent letter of instructions.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Solicitor.

Inclosure.



WASHINGTON

JAN 24 1917

ORDER No. 54

It having been made to appear to the Postmaster General, upon evidence satisfactory to him, that

HENRY J. BARTON, L.L.B., REV. SUPREME GRAND RABBONI; THE PHILOSOPHERS OF THE LIVING FIRE, and THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING FIRE,

THE PHILOSOPHERS OF THE LIVING FIRE,

HENRY J. BARTON,

DR. R. S. CLEVELAND,

JESSIE R. BARTON,

PROP. RABBONI,

THE PHILOSOPHERS OF THE LIVING FIRE,

BOX 251,

at

Union City, Michigan,

MEMORANDUM for the

POSTMASTER GENERAL

Recommending the issuance of a supplemental fraud order against Henry J. Barton, L.L.B., Rev. Supreme Grand Rabboni; The Philosophers of the Living Fire, and The Temple of the Living Fire, Battle Creek,

at **Battle Creek, Michigan,** are engaged in conducting a scheme or device for obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises,

in violation of the act of Congress entitled "An act to amend certain sections of the Revised Statutes relating to lotteries, and for other purposes," approved September 19, 1890, said evidence being more fully described in the memorandum of the Solicitor for the Post Office Department of the date of **January 22**, 1917, and by authority vested in the Postmaster General by said act, and by the act of Congress entitled "An act for the suppression of lottery traffic through international and interstate commerce and the postal service, subject to the jurisdiction and laws of the United States," approved March 2, 1895, the Postmaster General hereby forbids you to pay any Postal Money Order drawn to the order of said **concerns and party** and you are hereby directed to inform the remitter of any such postal money order that payment thereof has been forbidden, and that the amount thereof will be returned upon the presentation of the original order or a duplicate thereof applied for and obtained under the regulations of the Department.

And you are hereby instructed to return all letters, whether registered or not, and other mail matter which shall arrive at your office directed to the said **concerns and party** the postmasters at the offices at which they were originally mailed, to be delivered to the senders thereof, with the words "Fraudulent: Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" plainly written or stamped upon the outside of such letters or matter. Where there is nothing to indicate who are the senders of letters not registered or other matter, you are directed to send such letters and matter to the Division of Dead Letters with the words "Fraudulent: Mail to this address returned by order of Postmaster General" plainly written or stamped thereon, to be disposed of as other dead matter under the laws and regulations applicable thereto.

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(Signed) A. S. Burleson,

society, when in fact it was found that "membership in the order is of

no possible advantage to any person," that "the so-called degrees are

Postmaster General.

To the Postmaster,

Battle Creek, Michigan.

Case No. 57149-E - Supplemental.

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Post Office Department  
OFFICE OF THE SOLICITOR  
Washington

January 22, 1917.

In the Matter of Charges that

THE PHILOSOPHERS OF THE LIVING FIRE,  
HENRY J. BARTON,  
DR. R. S. CLYMER,  
JESSIE R. BARTON,  
PROF. RABBONI,  
THE PHILOMATHIAN, and  
BOX 231,  
at  
Union City, Michigan,

are engaged in conducting a scheme for  
obtaining money through the mails by  
means of false and fraudulent pretenses,  
representations and promises, in viola-  
tion of Sections 3929 and 4041 of the  
Revised Statutes, as amended.

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POSTMASTER GENERAL

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Fire, and The Temple of the  
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On October 12, 1905, a fraud order was issued against The Philosophers  
of the Living Fire, Henry J. Barton, Dr. R. S. Clymer, Jessie R. Barton,  
Prof. Rabboni, The Philomathian, and Box 231, at Union City, Michigan,  
upon evidence satisfying the Postmaster General that under those names  
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resentations and promises. The scheme consisted in the obtaining of  
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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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I therefore recommend that the fraud order heretofore issued be extended to embrace these names and address.

*W. T. Lamon*  
Solicitor.



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Department of Justice

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(Signed) W. H. Lamar.

Solicitor.

and evidence indicating the order of October 12, 1905, was designed to suppress the business of Henry J. Barton who engaged in conducting a scheme for obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises. The scheme consisted in the obtaining of contributions of money for membership in an alleged society called "The Philosophers of the Living Fire" and for so-called degrees in said society, when in fact it was found that "membership in the order is of no possible advantage to any person," that "the so-called degrees proposed to be conferred are simply devices for obtaining additional fees from credulous persons," and that "the purpose of the society is to obtain fees from members without giving substantial return therefor."



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are engaged in conducting a scheme for obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, in violation of Sections 2329 and 2341 of the Revised Statutes, as amended.

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W. H. Lamar.

Solicitor.

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